GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are contemplating to withdraw subsidies gradually on the various consumer products;

(b) if so, whether the Government have worked out the level of inefficiency involved in the making of finished products;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that optimum level of efficiency is maintained in units producing consumer products where Government is paying subsidies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (d): Presently, Government is not providing any subsidy to consumer products for domestic consumption. With liberalization of the economy, the market is expected to ensure efficiency in production as also competition with freer imports.